

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CALL CONNECTION
IN A TELEPHONE NETWORK**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system is disclosed for receiving calls by a network device
5 and determining whether the incoming call is a candidate for being simultaneously
or sequentially routed to a plurality of pre-determined destinations. Call legs are
originated to the plurality of routed destinations in order to locate an answering
station. If any of the simultaneously or sequentially routed stations answers, the
call is completed to the first answering station and the other legs are
10 disconnected. This simultaneous or sequential operation is compatible with any
type of communication device such as gateways, TDM switches, soft-switches,
mobile switches, SIP enabled networks, etc.